conducted special raids in October, 1992 on the occasion of Diwali. Emphasis was on lifting the samples of sweets which are normally consumed more by the public at the time of Diwali and as such only the samples of raw materials ready for sale by vendors/Halwais were lifted to check their quality.

Marketing of Ginseng (A herb) without Monitoring in India

2404 SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of Ginseng (a harb) are marketed in India freely without any monitoring;

(b) if so, on what grounds its sale was permitted; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Ginseng is not mentioned in any of the Ayurvedic texts, if so, how the companies were given permission to manufacture and market it without proper clinical trials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) The Formulations of 'Ginseng' are marketed by various manufacturers in India under a licence granted by the drug Licensing authorities appointed by State Governments.

(c) Though 'Ginseng' is not mentioned in any of the Ayurvedic texts, Drug Controller of India had approved import of 'Ginseng' raw material & formulations containing Ginseng based on expert opinion that 'Tapmari' an indigenious drug known as pseudo Ginseng is in short supply.

Construction of CGHS building At Laxmi Nagar, Delhi

2405. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that land has been taken possession for a C.G.H.S. building to be constructed at Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-92 and the amount has been sanctioned for construction of the building;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether plan for the building has been approved by MCD;

(d) if not, the steps being taken to ensure the speedy approval of plans by the MCD; and

(e) whether Government are aware that delay in getting the plan approved would result in the escalation of cost of construction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The possession of plot of land was taken on 10-1-1992 and necessary administrative approval and expenditure sanction for the construction of CGHS dispensary building amounting to Rs. 82,96,700/- was issued on 14-1-1991.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The MCD has raised some fresh objection. It was desired that a NOC may be furnished from Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Service, Delhi. The plans have already been sent to him on 19-11-1992 for obtaining NOC.

(e) Yes, Sir.

विदेशों में इलाज कराने पर आंशिक पाबंदी

2406. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार विदेशों में इलाज कराने पर आंशिक रूप से पाबंदी लगाने के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में वरिष्ठ डाक्टरों और चिकित्सा प्रणालियों के उपलब्ध होने के बावजूद अतिविशिष्ट